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## PUBLIC SCHOOL

Closes One of the Most Successful Terms in History of the Town.

The public school of Big Stone Gap closed one of the most successful terms in the history of the town on Tuesday night, and the various entertainments given in the school auditorium the past week speak in the loudest praise of the efficiency of the principal and his able corps of teachers. In many instances the accuracy and precision with which the pupils performed their various parts seemed almost beyond belief to the mind of the layman. Only the best of training ability and patience on the part of the teachers could have made such results possible.

### SATURDAY NIGHT

The first of the series of entertainments was given in the auditorium on Saturday night by the primary and grammar grades departments, and consisted of a "Tom Thumb Wedding" and an Operetta, entitled, "Four Leaved Clover," interspersed with music and recitations.

The wedding, which was composed of children of the primary grade, was an interesting and beautiful affair, and all the little folks deserve to be complimented for the perfect manner in which they performed their various parts.

The Operetta, which was quite lengthy, was enjoyed very much by the large audience, and was especially pleasing to the parents of the children taking part in it. The children had been well trained, and every one deserves to be highly complimented.

The scene of the Operetta is laid in Spain, in the 16th century, at the Castle of Aguilar and in the woods adjoining. The Countess of Aguilar lives upon her estates, surrounded by her faithful retainers, under the command of Don Sebastian, her friend and adviser. The Countess, some years previous to the opening of the Operetta, lost her young daughter, Lady Linda, in a mysterious manner. She is believed, by all but the Countess, to be dead; but her mother fancies that she is wandering about unprotected, in strange countries, and hence sends a party for her.

Those taking the leading parts in this play were as follows:

Isabella.....Countess of Aguilar  
Margaret Pettit  
Her Daughters  
Lady Inez.....Mary Skeen  
Lady Linda, known as Juanita.....  
Sophia Benedict  
Suzanna.....Maid to Lady Inez  
Nina Johnson  
Don Sebastian.....Commander of Castle  
Walter Rimmer  
Don Carlos.....A Spanish Guest  
Jerome Wells  
Sir Roland Graeme.....An English Guest  
Billie Matthews  
Their Servants  
Pedro.....Truman Kennedy  
Donald.....Kenneth Chapman  
Lorenzo.....Seneschal  
Malcolm Mullins  
Eldridge Akard  
Gluck Auf.....A German Sprite  
Karl Baker  
Gretch.....His sister and Interpreter  
Bruce Skeen  
Mazetto.....Leader of the Gypsies  
Charlie Willis  
Fedalma.....A Gypsy Fortune-Teller  
Miriam Taylor  
Chorus, Lords, Ladies, Gypsies, Etc.

### SUNDAY MORNING

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, in the auditorium, Rev. J. B. Craft, pastor of the Baptist church, preached the annual sermon to a large and appreciative audience. Rev. Craft chose for his text a part of the fourth verse of the second chapter of Zachariah, "Speak to the young man." This was a most fitting text for the occasion, and the truths propounded by Mr. Craft clearly show that it is the duty of every parent to see that his children are kept in the right paths, and that through the neglect of parents to do this many children go astray that would otherwise live a correct and righteous life. Rev. Craft is an able preacher, and the management of the school acted wisely in choosing him to preach the sermon on this occasion.

The music had been especially prepared for this service, and

was well rendered and soul inspiring.

### MONDAY NIGHT

On Monday night the high school entertainment took place, which consisted of a play entitled "Princess Kiku," a Japanese romance, interspersed between acts with songs and a Japanese drill.

The young people taking part in this entertainment covered themselves with glory, and we wish we had the space to comment on the merits of each individual, and what we have to say of the very excellent manner in which they performed their various parts, applies to each one, and their teachers as well, who so ably and efficiently trained them for this occasion.

The cast of characters in the play follows:

Princess Kiku.....Favorite niece of Emperor  
Stella Head  
O. Mimosa San.....Winnie Mullins  
O. Yuki San.....Minnie Kelly  
O. Totmar San.....Pearl Mann  
O. Haru San.....Hattie Bruce  
Sakara.....A learned Japanese Lady  
Gustava Parsons  
Ito.....Little Japanese boy  
Florence McCormick  
Lady Cecil Cavendish.....English girl  
traveling in Japan  
Glessie Gilly  
Miss Prendargast.....Her Companion  
Grace Perry

### TUESDAY NIGHT

On Tuesday night the high school gave an interesting entertainment, the last of the series that have taken place within the past few days.

The following was the program:

Invention.....Searl Dance.....C. Chamindale  
Music.....Blanche Killbourn  
Salutatory.....Silent Forces  
Myrtle Ethel Caywood  
Essay.....Heroism  
Lena Gladys Wolfe  
Music.....Valse Sterilite.....Woolenphult  
Mary Carnes  
Oration.....Dissatisfaction, a Material  
Add to Progress  
Olga Edelle Horton  
Valedictory Address  
Eugene Hendrix Brown  
Music.....Queen of the Fairies.....Syd. Smith  
Mary Carnes and Cate Brown  
Presentation of Diplomas  
John A. Hicks  
Educational Address  
E. M. Carter

The orations and essays on this occasion were delivered by the graduating class, which consists of Misses Myrtle Caywood, Olga Horton, Gladys Wolfe, and Mr. Eugene Brown, as will be seen from the above program.

The program was interspersed with music and enjoyed very much by the large audience present.

The educational address was delivered by Hon. E. M. Carter, of Gate City. Mr. Carter is an able and fluent speaker and his address was both interesting and instructive and was appreciated by his hearers.

### CAPACITY OF THE EARTH.

It has been estimated that the fertile lands of the globe amount to 28,000,000 square miles, the steppes to 14,000,000, and the deserts to 1,000,000. Fixing 207 persons to the square mile for the fertile lands, 10 for steppes and 1 for deserts, as the greatest population that the earth could properly nourish, the conclusion has been arrived at that when the number of inhabitants reaches about 6,000,000,000, our planet will be peopled to its full capacity. At present it contains a little more than one-quarter of that number. If the rate of increase shown by recent censuses should be uniformly maintained, it is thought that the globe would be fully peopled about the year 2072.

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### NORMAL FACULTY

The following faculty, with subjects to be taught, has been employed for the Summer Normal at this place.

James N. Hillman,  
Division Superintendent Wise County,  
Education.  
John A. Hicks,  
Principal of Schools, Big Stone Gap, Va.  
Vocal Music.  
W. M. Adams,  
Principal of Schools, Richmond, Va.  
Mathematics.  
J. H. Russell,  
Graduate Student Johns Hopkins University  
Civics, Virginia History.  
R. M. Addington,  
Principal of Schools, Nickelsville, Va.  
United States History.  
M. W. Reimann,  
Principal of Schools, Clintwood, Va.  
Agriculture and Physiology.  
George E. Bennett,  
Principal of Schools, Petersburg, Va.  
Geography.  
Miss M. Lavania Critz,  
Teacher in Roanoke City Schools.  
English Grammar.  
Miss Elizabeth A. Thaxton,  
Normal Teacher, Superior Halifax County,  
South Boston, Va.  
Reading, Primary Methods.  
Miss Martha Gouling,  
Teacher of Drawing, State Female Normal  
School, Farmville, Va.  
Drawing.  
Miss Archie Swanson,  
Dry Fork, Va.  
English History and English Composition.  
Miss Annabel Wood,  
Normal Teacher, Big Stone Gap, Va.  
Education and Spelling.  
Miss Clara R. Emens,  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Writing.

### WHAT A SUICIDE WROTE

The following poem was found in the work basket of a lady in an East Tennessee town who had committed suicide. The poem was in her handwriting, though it is not known whether or not she composed the verses:

The day is ended, e're I sink to sleep,  
My weary spirit seeks repose in Thine,  
Father, forgive my trespasses and keep  
This little life of mine.

With loving kindness curtain Thou my bed,  
And cool in rest my burning pilgrim feet,  
Thy pardon be the pillow for my head,  
So shall my rest be sweet.

At peace with all the world dear Lord and  
Thee,  
No fears my soul's unwavering faith can  
shake,  
All's well which ever side the grave for me  
The morning light may break.

### SHOEMAKER COLLEGE RE-ELECTS TEACHERS

Gate City, Va., May 17.—The trustees of Shoemaker College, located at Gate City, have re-elected the present teachers for the ensuing session as follows:

Principal—Prof. J. Lee Cox, of Carroll county.  
Teacher of Normal Department—Miss Ruth O. Dyer, of Roanoke.

High School Department—Mrs. C. W. Hoge, of Gate City.  
Primary Department—Prof. I. C. Coley and Miss Flora Carter, of Gate City.

Director of Music—Miss Mary Cecil, of Pulaski.

### VIRGINIA IS THE WINNER

Petition for Tennessee Operators for an Increased Differential on Coal Is Denied.

In the case of the Andy's Ridge Coal Company and others against the Southern Railway Co. and others, involving the question of freight rate differentials on coal shipped to the Carolinas and Georgia from the Virginia and Tennessee coal fields, the Interstate Commerce Commission, as viewed by coal operators here, has denied in the main the petition of the Tennessee operators for a greater differential, which petition was based upon the ground that the Tennessee coals are in smaller veins and mined with greater difficulty.

The Tennessee operators sought to have the differential advanced in their favor against the Virginia operators, all the way from 25 to 35 and 80 cents on the ton. As construed by Edward K. Bachman, chief local attorney for the Virginia operators, the decision of the commission, which has just been issued in published form, denies the demands of the Tennessee operators in the main, allowing the old differential to stand insofar as the territory in the Carolinas and Eastern Georgia is concerned. The only change in the differential is in the rate to Atlanta, the Tennessee operators receiving an advance from 25 to 35 cents per ton in their favor.

This, Mr. Bachman states, affects Atlanta alone. It may not, as viewed by operators here, affect either the coal operators of the railroad, but is likely to lead to an advance in coal rates in the city of Atlanta on account of its placing the Virginia fields to a disadvantage as regards that city, thus making it possible for Atlanta to lose the advantage it now has with references to competition in buying coal.

The new rate affecting Atlanta goes into effect July 1.

While the report of the commission upon this subject is lengthy, going into detail on points involved, the main facts appear to be embraced in the foregoing statement of the case. It is said that the coal operators in Wise, Lee and other Virginia counties, view the decision more as a victory for that territory than for the Tennessee territory, as the principal market for the products of their mines are not in the least affected by the decision.—Bristol News.

### MAY REVOLUTIONIZE MINING INDUSTRY

Superintendents, Engineers and Operators from all Over Elkhorn Field Witnessed Operations of Pneumatic Coal Conveyor at Gary on Thursday.

The United States Coal and Coke Co., of Gary, W. Va., entertained a number of mining men, engineers and superintendents at their No. 1 plant on last Thursday, where an opportunity was given the local miners to observe the workings of the new coal cutting machine and the pneumatic system of transportation which is the invention of General Edward O'Toole, the general superintendent. The machine worked against a breast of coal seven feet and one inch high by ten feet and two inches broad. It cut three and three sixteenths inches per minute from the face of this vein of coal. This gave 1,500 pounds of coal per minute for the pneumatic tube which was attached to the coal-cutting machinery to carry away and at all times while the machine was in operation this amount of coal was in transmission. The tube itself has a capacity of 6,000 feet per minute and this velocity carried the coal from the machine to the tipples where it was deposited ready to be loaded into the cars.

Some of the men had seen the tube in action before, but all were loud in their praise of the wonderful workings of the machine, which may be put into every day use in some of the mines of the coal company. As the coal was carried out many of the engineers who had studied the proposition talked it over and admitted that there is a possibility of the tube revolutionizing mining, but none would admit that it was a commercial success until they had seen it in practice long enough to prove that it would stand the wear and tear and give general satisfaction.

Thursday was the last day the machine will be in operation for the benefit of the public, and it is now up to its inventors to make the mining communities and operators see the value of it. As a labor saving device it should work wonders, and it will also remove the danger of mine explosions by removing the dust from the mines by not making it in such a way that it can stay in the mine at all.—Tazewell Republican.

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### SOUTH CONTINUES TO SHOW GROWTH

Industrial Announcements of Past Week From All Sections of Dixie.

Baltimore, May 18.—Among the Southern industrial and other developmental announcements in this week's issue of the Manufacturers' Record are:

Contract was awarded for the drainage of 50,000 acres of alluvial wet land in Terrebonne Parish, about fifty miles west of New Orleans. The contract calls for 258 miles of canals, of which 120 miles will be for navigation, giving connection with New Orleans, and 138 miles for drainage proper. A system of good roads will be constructed on the tract and power for household and farm operations will be installed.

Texas Export and Import Co., of Galveston, Tex., was incorporated with \$50,000 capital stock, and will erect plant for grinding and exporting cotton oil meal and cake.

Atlantic Broom Company, Baltimore, Md., will build plant for a daily capacity of from 500 to 700 dozen brooms.

Cumberland Marble Mills Co., of Knoxville, was incorporated with \$80,000 capital stock.

Pickett Cotton Mills, High Point, N. C., engaged architects and engineers for the construction of a 12,000 spindle and 300 loom mill to be driven by electricity; capital, \$250,000.

Kentland Coal and Coke Co., Charleston, W. Va., was incorporated with \$50,000 capital stock.

Talley Timber and Tram Co., Marmaduke, Ark., was incorporated with \$10,000 capital stock.

Bristol Metal Manufacturing Co., Bristol, Tenn., was organized with \$30,000 capital stock to manufacture metal ceilings, tilings, etc.

Standard Milk Bottle Manufacturing Co., Parkersburg, W. Va., was incorporated with \$35,000 capital stock.

Tulsa Cotton Oil Co., Tulsa, Okla., was incorporated with \$100,000 capital stock.

Crystal Marble and Granite Co., Atlanta, Ga., was incorporated with \$35,000 capital stock.

Alabama Canning Company Mobile, Ala., was organized with \$180,000 capital stock to build cannery for oysters, etc., and to erect electric and cold storage plant.

Regal Coal and Coke Co., of Birmingham, Ala., plans the expenditure of \$750,000 to construct pipe line eighty miles long for conveying gas from Fayette to Birmingham.

American Sanitary Manufacturing Co., Wheeling, W. Va., was incorporated with \$200,000 capital stock to acquire and extensively improve various potteries in the Wheeling district.

Marion Harper Cotton Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga., awarded contract for erection of \$50,000 oil mill at East Point.

Mary Mac Plantation Co., Robinsonville, Miss., was incorporated with \$3,000,000 capital stock; purchased 12,000 acres of land for cotton cultivation, and will install two cotton compresses, oil mill and steam power plant.

Southern Pecan Land Co., Jackson, Tenn., was incorporated with \$500,000 capital stock.

Southern Railway, main office at Washington, D. C., awarded contract for the erection of an \$85,000 boiler shop at Spencer, N. C.

National Tobacco Stemming Machine Co., Baltimore, Md., was incorporated with \$508,000 capital stock.

Piedmont Orchard Company, Atlanta, Ga., was incorporated with \$100,000 capital stock, purchased 500 acres of land, and will cultivate apples and other fruits.

Tiogo Iron Mining Company, Atlanta, Ga., was incorporated with \$150,000 capital stock.

Mid-Continent Coal Co., Perry, Okla., was incorporated with \$50,000 capital stock.

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